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HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING AND DISC ROTATION APPARATUS USING

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a one (1)-month extension of time to and including January 16, 2007 (January 15, 2007 being a Federal holiday) for responding to the Office Action mailed September 15, 2006. A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

- [] A check in the amount of \$.00 is enclosed herewith.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 208861.0485) as noted below.
 - [X] Extension fee in the amount of \$120.00.
 - [X] Any deficiencies or overpayments in the above-calculated fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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